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Confidential File: A secret Defense Intelligence Agency report says the Kremlin's staunchest Bulgarian puppet, Todor Zhivkov, "is expected to retain complete domination of the [Bulgarian Communist] party for the foreseeable future." And a CIA report that Zhivkov, 71, may be seriously ill, points out that his death would bring no perceptible change. His 63-year-old likely successor, Grisha Filipov, the prime minister, is just as passionately pro-Soviet, having been born and educated in the Soviet Union.

Correction: A recent column on Cuban President Fidel Castro stated incorrectly that he had never married but had fathered a son by an unidentified mistress. In fact, Castro was once married and his son was born of that marriage. My information came from intelligence sources that were wrong. Most details of the report were checked with other sources, but because of a vacation schedule, this particular point was not. I apologize for the error.